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SUBJECT: BAUDOUIN VISIT

1. WHILE WE HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THE BELGIANS, FOLLOWING ITEMS (BASED ON PRESS AND ON BELGIAN BRIEFING TO EC EMBASSIES) ARE OF INTEREST REGARDING KING BAUDOUIN'S VISIT.

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2. TRANSLATION DIFFERENCE. IN THE TWO POLITICAL

DOCUMENTS--A DECLARATION SIGNED BY THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS AND A COMMUNIQUE- THE FRENCH TEXT APPARENTLY
REFERS TO THE PROCESS OF MAKING DETENTE
"DURABLE." THE SOVIETS USED THE WORD "NEOBRATIMY"
(IRREVERSIBLE) IN THE RUSSIAN TEXT, WHICH OBVIOUSLY CARRIES
A MUCH STRONGER MEANING. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE
BELGIANS AGREED TO TRANSLATE THE WORD DIFFERENTLY OR WHETHER
THE SOVIETS PULLED A FAST ONE.

3. CSCE. THERE IS A REFERENCE IN THE DECLARATION TO
AGREEMENT BY THE TWO SIDES "TO CARRY OUT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE
AIM OF EFFECTING, INSOFAR AS IS RELEVANT FOR THEM,
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF CSCE." THIS WAS APPARENTLY
A BELGIAN INITIATIVE; PRESUMABLY THE BELGIANS FELT THAT THE
BILATERAL CHARACTER OF THE LANGUAGE WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH
WHATEVER IS DECIDED AT GENEVA REGARDING A MULTILATERAL FOLLOW-UP.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE TALKS GROMYKO DID NOT MENTION JULY;
THE COMMUNIQUE, HOWEVER, SAYS THAT THE SIDES CONSIDER THAT
"ALL EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO ENABLE THE (THIRD) STAGE TO
TAKE PLACE IN JULY." IN HIS TOAST JUNE 23--WHICH THE
SOVIET PRESS CARRIED QUITE EXTENSIVELY--BAUDOUIN WEIGHTED HIS
REMARKS HEAVILY TOWARD BASKET THREE CONCERNS, EMPHASIZING
CIVIL LIBERTIES, RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE, AND THE IMPORTANCE
OF HAVING DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES WITHIN ONE COUNTRY.

4. MIDDLE EAST. IN THE PRIVATE TALKS GROMYKO MENTIONED
THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WITHOUT GIVING A DATE FOR IT.
HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PALESTINIAN
ISSUE. THE BELGIANS HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS
DO NOT WANT TO MAKE DECISIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST UNTIL AFTER
GROMYKO'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER.

5. MILITARY DETENTE. BOTH THE DECLARATION AND THE
COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED EMPHATIC LANGUAGE ABOUT SUPPLEMENTING
POLITICAL WITH MILITARY DETENTE, AND BOTH DOCUMENTS GAVE
GREAT WEIGHT TO MBFR. WHILE A NUMBER OF ARMS CONTROL
ITEMS WERE SPECIFIED, THERE WAS NO MENTION OF
BREZHNEV'S NEW WEAPONS PROPOSAL; WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE
SOVIETS USED THIS FIRST BILATERAL OPPORTUNITY AFTER
THE BREZHNEV SPEECH JUNE 13 TO TRY TO GET A REFERENCE TO THE
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